## TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MAY 4, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 

Pat Sagala, Mary Ann Johnson, Bob Johnson, Priscilla Rulison,

Cookie Friedrich

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 

Pat Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jack Garber, Staff Liaison, Kathie Boyle

Pat Sagala called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by P. Rulison, second by C. Friedrich to accept April 6, 2009 Minutes and place on file. All in Favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

J. Garber went to Okemos to pick up the award for "Tree City USA". It was very nice and we appreciate the award.

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None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chalk Art Contest will be held on Thursday, July 2, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the fountain at Pine & River Street. Jack will make sure the sprinkler system is off in the area and traffic is blocked off at the intersection. K. Boyle will contact Dairy Queen and order 100 coupons for ice cream cones. P. Williams and P. Sagala will contact the U. S. Forestry for donations and P. Sagala will get books from Book Mark for awards.

Stump Removal will begin in June. We will try and get out tree planting information to the local newspaper the beginning of June. Tree planting will hopefully be in August or September 2009. We need to stress to customers purchasing trees that watering the newly planted tree is vital to healthy tree growth. No type of "Ash" trees will be allowed to be planted.

Consumers Energy is spending over 1.5 million dollars in the area to trim or cut down trees that interfere with their electrical lines. There are approximately four crews in town.

Remember we are still in need of one more member, so if you know of anyone that might be interested in being on the Tree Commission please let them know - they can get an application from the City Clerk's Office.

Next meeting will be **Monday**, **June 1**, **2009** at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall first floor conference room.

There being no further business,  $\,$  Motion by  $\,$ M. Johnson ,  $\,$  second by  $\,$ B. Johnson that we adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Boyle

Recording Secretary

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